

## DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



It seems to be the only way for Father

# HEART of the SUNSET BY REX BEACH

Author of "The Spoilers," "The Iron Trail,"  
"The Silver Horde," Etc.



## SYNOPSIS.

Chapter I—Set afoot and alone by an accident in the desert near the Rio Grande Mrs. Alaire Austin, mistress of Las Palmas and La Faria ranches, meets Dave Law, Texas ranger, at a water hole and is compelled to spend the night there with him, as he is in ambush for a murderer and cannot leave his post.

Chapter II—Next day at evening the murderer appears with a companion.

Chapter III—Law captures the murderer but is compelled to kill his companion, Panfilo Sanchez, who happens to be a cousin of Mrs. Austin's horse-breaker, Jose Sanchez.

Chapter IV—At Las Palmas Alaire tells her husband, Ed, that his carousals and inebriety must stop. Her cattle at La Faria, the Mexican ranch, are confiscated by Longorio, Mexican federal general, and she finds that it is because Ed has been helping the rebel junta.

Chapter V—On her way to La Faria in Mexico Alaire meets Longorio, who falls in love with her and agrees to settle for the confiscated stock.

Chapter VI—Entertained at their home by Blazo Jones and his daughter Paloma, Dave hears something about the Tia Lewis outfit which is suspected of cattle stealing. With Ricardo German and his boys Dave and Blazo go on a scout after cattle thieves.

CHAPTER VII—Law catches two of the Lewis outfit branding a stolen calf and in a fight kills one and has his horse shot under him. He trails the other thief to Las Palmas, where he is insulted by Ed Austin, whom he knows to be very friendly with the Lewis outfit.

Chapter VIII—Law follows up the trail of Urbina, the escaped thief, to no purpose except to confirm Austin's connection with the Lewis outfit.

Chapter IX—On her homeward journey Alaire again meets Longorio, who openly makes love to her. She obtains the release of Juan Garcia from prison.

## CHAPTER X.

## Jose Sanchez Swears an Oath.

Jose Sanchez made use of the delay at Pueblo to institute further inquiries regarding his missing cousin, but no where could he find the slightest trace. Jose swore an oath that he would learn the truth if it required his whole life-time, and if it should turn out that his missing relative had indeed met with foul play—well! Jose told his friends they could judge by looking at him, the sort of man he was. He proudly displayed Longorio's revolver, and talked of his cousin's little vengeance. The weapon had slain many; it had a duty still to perform, so he said.

Jose intended to confide his purpose to Mrs. Austin, but when it came time to start for Las Palmas there was a fourth passenger in the automobile, and he was obliged to hold his tongue for the moment. Alaire was in good humor, and expressed her relief at escaping from everything Mexican.

"I haven't seen a newspaper for ages, and I don't know what is going on at Jonesville or anywhere else," she confessed.

Dave told her of the latest developments in the Mexican situation, of some happenings, and when she asked him about his own doings, he informed her of the affair which had brought him to Pueblo.

Of course all three of his companions were breathlessly interested in the story of Pino Garza's death; Dolores said Jose did not allow a word to escape them.

"Caramba! It required bravery to ride alone into that rascal," Jose declared. "I know Pino Garza well, and he could shoot like the devil."

"You sold your horse saved your life," Mrs. Austin went on. "How do you mean?" When Dave had explained, she cried, quickly, "You weren't riding—Bessie Belle?"

"Yes, she's buried where she dropped. I've been right lonesome since she went away."

Alaire turned a quick glance upon the speaker to find his face set and his eyes miserable. Impulsively she laid her hand upon his arm, saying:

"I know how you must feel. Do you know what has always been my dearest wish? To be able to talk with animals and make friends of them."

Dave smiled absently, and said: "There's a wonderful book about a near-sighted old Frenchman who was lost away on a penguin island. He saw the big birds walking around, and thought they were human beings."

"How did you happen to read Anatole France?" Alaire asked, with a sharp stare of surprise.

"The Ranger stirred, but he did not meet her eyes. 'Well,' said he, 'I read most anything I can get. A fellow meets up with strange books just like he meets up with strange people.'"

"Not books like—that." There was a brief silence. "Mr. Law, you went to school in the East, didn't you? Where?" The man hesitated, at which she insisted, "Where?"

Dave reluctantly turned upon her a pair of eyes in the depths of which

seemed answer, "I suppose you mean that you would make any sacrifice?"

"Yes; that's it."

"Would you give up the woman herself, if you considered it your duty?"

"No. There couldn't be any duty higher than love—to my way of thinking. But you shouldn't take me as a specimen. I'm not a good representative of my sex."

"I think you are a very good one," Alaire said quietly, and Dave realized that no flattery was intended.

Despite the rough roads, they made fair time, and the miles of cactus and scrubby brush rolled swiftly past. The morning sun swung higher, and by midday the metal of the automobile had become as hot as a frying pan. They stopped at various goat ranches to inquire about Adolfo Urbina, and at noon halted beside a watercourse for lunch.

Dave was refilling the radiator when he overheard Jose in conversation with Mrs. Austin.

"Nowhere a trace!" the horse-breaker was saying. "No one has seen him. Poor Rosa Morales will die of a broken heart."

Alaire explained to her guest: "Jose is worried about his cousin Panfilo. It seems he has disappeared."

"So! You are Panfilo's cousin?" Dave eyed the Mexican with new interest.

"SI!"

"You remember the man?" Alaire went on. "He was with that fellow you arrested at the water-hole."

"Oh, yes, I remember him." With steady fingers Dave shook some tobacco into a cigarette paper. He felt Alaire's eyes upon him, and they were eloquent of inquiry, but he did not meet them.

Jose frowned. "No one at La Faria has seen him, and in Pueblo there was not a word. It is strange."

"Panfilo was in bad company when I saw him." Law finished rolling his cigarette and lit it, still conscious of Alaire's questioning gaze. "He may have had trouble."

"He was a good man," the horse-breaker asserted. "If he is dead—" The Mexican's frown deepened to a scowl.

"What then?"

Jose significantly patted the gift revolver at his hip. "This little fellow will have something to say."

Dave looked him over idly, from head to heel, then murmured: "You would do well to go slow, comrade. Panfilo made his own quarrels."

"We were like brothers, and I do not know of any quarrels. But I shall find out. I am not given to boasting, senior, but I am a devilish bad man in my way."

Nothing more was said during the luncheon, but when Alaire had finished eating and her two employees had begun their meal, she climbed the bank of the arroyo ostensibly to find a cool spot. Having succeeded, she called to Dave:

"There is a nice breeze up here."

The Ranger's face set; rising slowly, he climbed the bank after her. When they stood face to face in the shade of a gnarled oak tree, Alaire asked him point-blank:

"Where is Panfilo Sanchez?"

Dave met her eyes squarely; his own were cold and hard. "He's where he dropped at my second shot," said he.

He could hear his companion's sharp inhalation. He did not flinch at the look she turned upon him.

"He was practically unarmed! What do you call such an act?"

Dave's lips slowly whitened, his face became stony. He felt himself pitilessly condemned.

"Why didn't you tell me at the time?" she asked. "Why didn't you report it?"

"I'll report it when you give me permission."

"I—? What—?" She wheeled to face him.

"Think a moment. I can't tell half the truth. And if I tell everything, it will lead to gossip."

"Ah! I think I understand. Mr. Law, you can be insulting!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Little Girl Had Croup.

Every mother knows and fears croup. Mrs. R. M. Raney, R. F. D. 2, Stanford, Ky., writes: "My little girl had been having croup every few nights. I began to give her a few drops of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound every two or three hours, and that night she slept well, never coughed any, and the next day her cold was gone. To all of my friends I am saying, 'Get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar for la grippe coughs, colds and croup. A genuine cure.'"

W. D. Duncan.

Ranches cover 12,000,000 acres in New Mexico.

## HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

## Best Hours For Sleep.

Experiments made recently at Columbia university have shown conclusively that sleep is more profound during the fore part of the night, the best sleep being obtained between 2 and 3 o'clock. The hours before 2 are better than those after 3. An adult can obtain the best results by retiring not later than 10 and rising at 5, cultivating the habit of profound sleep by concentrating the thought on the suggestion that one must sleep soundly and obtain all the needed rest before 5 o'clock and that one will rise thoroughly rested.

## Get the Habit of Drinking Hot Water Before Breakfast

Says we can't look or feel right  
with the system full  
of poisons.

Millions of folks bathe internally now instead of loading their systems with drugs. "What's an inside bath?" you say. Well, it is guaranteed to perform miracles if you could believe these hot water enthusiasts.

There are vast numbers of men and women who, immediately upon arising in the morning, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is a very excellent health measure. It is intended to flush the stomach, liver, kidneys and the thirty feet of intestines of the previous day's waste, sour bile and indigestible material left over in the body which if not eliminated every day, become food for the millions of bacteria which infect the bowels, the quick result is poisons and toxins which are then absorbed into the blood causing headache, bilious attacks, foul breath, bad taste, colds, stomach trouble, kidney misery, sleeplessness, impure blood and all sorts of ailments.

People who feel good one day and badly the next, but who simply can not get feeling right are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store. This will cost very little but is sufficient to make anyone a real crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

Just as soap and hot water act on the skin, cleansing, sweetening and freshening, so limestone phosphate and hot water act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. It is vastly more important to bathe on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, while the bowel pores do.

## PUBLICATION NOTICE.

## Browne &amp; Wiley, Compt's Sols.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, LA SALLE CO.  
—ss. In the Circuit Court to March Term, A. D. 1917.

Lawrence W. Ashcraft vs. Sophie Ashcraft.—In Chancery. Divorce. Gen. No. 21581.

Affidavit of non-residence of Sophie Ashcraft, the above defendant, having been filed in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of said County, notice is therefore hereby given to the said non-resident defendant that the complainant filed his bill of complaint in said Court in the Chancery side thereof, on the 14 day of February, 1917, and that thereupon a summons issued out of said Court, wherein said suit is now pending, returnable on the second Monday in the month of March, next, as is by law required. Now, unless you, the said non-resident defendant, appear personally or by counsel before said Circuit Court, on the first day of the next term thereof to be held at Ottawa, in and for the said County on the second Monday in March next, and plead, answer or demur to said complainant's bill of complaint, the same and the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

JOHN L. WITZEMAN,  
Clerk.  
Ottawa, Illinois, February 9, 1917.

## NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Utica Fire Brick & Clay Company, held at Utica, Illinois, on January 15, A. D. 1917, it was determined that the steps be taken to enlarge the purposes of said corporation, and that therefore there will be a special meeting of the stockholders of said Utica Fire Brick & Clay Company, at the principal office of said Company at

## Classified Advertising

Advertisements will be inserted in this column not exceeding five lines, one time, 15 cents; three times, 35 cents; one week, 50 cents. Each line over five, 10 cents per week additional.  
All advertisements in this column must be paid in advance.

## For Rent

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 683-L.

FOR RENT—Single office room, \$5.00 per month. Desk room \$3.00 per month. College Bldg. Thoroughly modern steam. W. C. VITUM. tf

## For Sale

FOR SALE—Twin Indian motorcycle. Phone 654-Y.

FOR SALE—One safe, best make. Cheap if taken at once. tf

FOR SALE—"Dayton" Scale as good as new. Sold reasonable if taken at once. Inquire at 719 Washington St. or call 669-Y.

FOR SALE—A couch in good condition. Cheap 419 State street, telephone 250-Y.

FOR SALE—160 acres land, the Patrick Keenan estate, 7 miles west of Streator. Inquire John J. Foster, Agt., 505 So. Ottawa St., Joliet, Ill.

Utica, Illinois, on Tuesday morning, March 6th, A. D. 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., to consider said question of enlargement of the objects for which the corporation was formed, said enlargement being for the further purpose of mining, producing, transporting and sale of coal and other minerals.

All stockholders and persons interested are therefore notified to be present at said meeting.

Dated at Utica, Ill., Feb. 23, 1917.  
GEORGE J. GLEIM,  
GEORGE I. DIETRICH,  
GEORGE V. CONNELLY,  
Directors.

## BIDS FOR PRINTING.

The county of La Salle, by and thru the printing committee of the board of Supervisors of said La Salle county hereby invites bids for printing and furnishing printing supplies, such as may be required by the said county of La Salle for the period of one year from March 15, 1917, to March 15, 1918.

All bids must be made on forms furnished by A. E. Bach, county clerk. All bids must be filed with the county clerk at his office in the court house at Ottawa, Ill., in a sealed envelope, plainly marked as follows: "For Mr. C. C. Kelly, Chairman printing committee. Bids for printing," and must be so filed before 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday, March 15, 1917.

The committee will open and consider the bids at one o'clock p. m. on Thursday, March 15, 1917.

A bond with approved security in the sum of \$2000 will be required.

The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids, also to let the contract for printing for the treasurer and superintendent of schools' offices separately.

No bids will be considered which make any conditions whatever, except as stated in the said forms for bids.

Dated at Ottawa, Ill., this 5th day of March, 1917.  
C. C. KELLY,  
Chairman Printing Committee.

## MASTER'S SALE.

M. N. ARMSTRONG, Solicitor.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, LA SALLE CO.  
—ss. La Salle County Circuit Court.

In the matter of Joseph Denny vs. Willis V. Bingham and Amanda Bingham, his wife.—In Chancery. No. 21447. On Bill to Foreclose Mortgage.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decretal order entered in the above entitled cause, in said Court, on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1917, I, Harry G. Cook, Master in Chancery of said Court, shall on Monday, the 12th day of March, A. D. 1917, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, at the North door of the County Court House in the City of Ottawa, in said County, the follow-

## Professional Cards

M. N. ARMSTRONG,  
Attorney at law, 210-211 Moloney Bldg., Ottawa, Illinois. Telephone: Office, 375-W. Residence, 312-Y.

L. W. BREWER,  
Attorney and counselor at law and solicitor in chancery. Will practice law in the several courts and in the federal courts. Special attention given to all real estate cases of La Salle and adjoining counties, including drainage questions.

B. F. LINCOLN,  
Attorney at law, office, La Salle St., west of court house.

DR. W. S. BLUE,  
Specialist—eye, ear, nose and throat, Third floor Central Life Building. Phone: Office 1919-W. Res. Main #42.

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Attorneys at law, National Bank Bldg., Ottawa, Ill.

W. H. JAMIESON, S. S., M. D.,  
Physician and Surgeon: phone office, 322-W., residence, Main 643. Office in Armory block. Professional calls in city or country will receive faithful attention. Ottawa, Ill.

JAMES J. CONWAY,  
Attorney and counselor at law, office, rooms 408 and 407 Moloney Bldg., Ottawa, Illinois.

WILLIAM I. HIBBS,  
Attorney at law, office west of court house. Phone, Main 161.

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Magnetic Healer treatments given by one of your own sex for those tired out nerves. Headache, Rheumatism and all nervous troubles. Prices reasonable. ELLA WESTCOTT, 833 La Salle street, after 3 o'clock phone, 556-K., Ottawa, Illinois.

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DOCTOR CARTER,  
Osteopathic physician, 402-34 Moloney Bldg., Ottawa, Ill. Phone: Office, 385-R; residence, 367-K.

DR. J. J. MARIARTY,  
Osteopathic Physician. Hours: 9 to 12 a. m.; 2 to 5 p. m.; 7 to 8 p. m. Phone, office, Main 215-R; residence, 882-X. Moloney Bldg., Ottawa, Illinois.

## CHICAGO, OTTAWA &amp; PEORIA RAILWAY

(Effective Oct. 1, 1916.)

## EASTBOUND.

Eastbound cars leave Ottawa station for Marseilles, Seneca, Morris, Minooka, Rockdale and Joliet.

In a. m.—5:50, 6:45, 7:50, 9:50, 11:50.

In p. m.—1:50, 2:50, 3:50, 4:50, 5:50, 6:50, 9:00, 11:00.

Cars arrive from the west at 8:45 a. m., 7:45 p. m., 9:45 p. m., 11:35 p. m., 1:00 a. m.

## WESTBOUND.

Westbound cars leave Ottawa station for Chautauque Park, Starved Rock, Utica, La Salle, Peru, Spring Valley, Ladd, Del'ue, Bureau and Princeton.

In a. m., 5:10, 6:50, 8:50, 10:30, 11:50.

In p. m.—6:15, 8:15, 10:15, 11:35.

Cars arrive from the east at 10:50 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 12:42 a. m.

## SOUTHBOUND.

Southbound cars leave Ottawa station for McKinley Park, Grand Ridge and Streator.

In a. m.—5:50, 6:50, 7:50, 9:50, 11:50.

In p. m.—1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 8:00, 11:00.

Except Sunday.  
\*Marseilles, Seneca, Morris and intermediate points only.

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oPrinceton and intermediate points only.

@La Salle and intermediate points only.

## Announcements.

For Commissioner.  
Thomas Morgan desires to announce himself as a candidate for Highway Commissioner for the town of Ottawa subject to the decision of the Democratic town primaries.

For Commissioner.  
James White announces himself as a candidate for Highway Commissioner subject to the decision of the Democratic town primaries.

For Commissioner.  
Jule F. Vallat desires to announce himself as a candidate for highway commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic town primary.

Commissioner of Highways.  
Robert F. Heth authorizes the Free Trader-Journal to announce that he will be a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Highways of South Ottawa Township at the annual town election, Tuesday, April 3, 1917.

For further information apply to James F. Richardson, Jr., Architect, or to James T. Walsh, Chairman, COURT HOUSE AND JOINT COMMITTEE.